

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was graciously given in a telephone interview with remarkably attentive and hard working Attorney of Record Melissa Hayworth on 4/9/2010.

The application (that is the amended claims of 4/2/2010) has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, lines 3-4, "is assigned to means for dispensing said products without the return of air into the pouch," has been deleted.

In claim 1, line 5, "in" and "a way" have been deleted.

Please delete the *entire* Abstract and insert the following:

--This invention is a collapsible flexible pouch that fits into a rigid bottle that is connected to a pump such that the pouch collapses while the bottle remains rigid as the contents of the pouch are pumped out. The pouch has a rigid upper part that serves as a seat for the collapsing pouch, the pouch also having one and only one contraction forming an annular concertina that seats on the upper rigid part of the collapsible pouch which collectively prevents blocking and clogging of the exit opening very effectively.

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An air inlet is provided in the rigid bottle to prevent a vacuum from forming around the collapsing pouch as its contents are dispensed. --.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. **Claims 1-12 are allowed as amended above.**

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments, see arguments, filed 4/2/2010, with respect to the rejections presented in the final rejection dated 12/4/2009 have been fully considered and are persuasive in view of the amendments above and the ones presented in the new claims dated 4/2/2010. The rejections of the claims in the final rejection have been withdrawn.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ANDREW P. BAINBRIDGE whose telephone number is (571)270-3767. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday, 9:30 AM to 8:30 PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kevin Shaver can be reached on 571-272-4720. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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